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The Anacostia Flats.

It is announced that the committee of East Washington citizens who are striving to persuade Congress to begin the work of reclaiming the Anacostia flats will resume their active agitation of the subject at once in the hope of securing the favorable attention of the houses at the present session. This laudable enterprise has been explained and advocated many times in The Star. The urgent need for action has been set forth so plainly that the marvel is that Congress has not long ago provided for the work required. This work, which must be done sooner or later, will cost much less to-day or a year hence than ten years later. Economy dictates prompt attention and remedy. But the government's interest is not a financial one only. The project of reclaiming the marshes formed by the gradual filling of the stream. At the Navy Yard this unwholesome atmosphere detracts from the value of the services rendered by machinists, apprentices and others in the great gun foundry and the efficiency of the military forces at the two barracks is reduced while the sick list grows to dread proportions. Commandants, superintendents and secretaries unite in condemning the conditions surrounding the various institutions under their charge and appeal to Congress for relief in such plain terms that the persistent neglect of the subject by the committees becomes a subject for wonderment. This is apart from the duty Congress clearly owes to the citizens of the capital, who are dependent upon the national legislature in such matters, or the duty it owes to the nation to preserve and beautify the nation's capital.

Republican Division at Albany.

There are rumors of friction in New York between Gov. Black and Senator Platt, and while they are denied, there seems to be something to them. Differences of opinion have arisen about certain legislation proposed for the greater New York. When Gov. Black took office the Platt men claimed him absolutely. There was almost an open breach, indeed, that he would execute faithfully at Albany the whole Platt program. He has revolted this early in the game. And, if so, will he set up in business for himself? And how will the defection affect Mr. Platt's fortunes in the state?

These questions are interesting, because in coming to the Senate here and leaving matters at home largely in the hands of his lieutenants Mr. Platt has taken the same risk that Mr. Hill took six years ago. When the general political picture is changed before Mr. Hill's eyes he was the absolute master of the situation in New York. He had a perfectly constructed machine, which obeyed his slightest pressure. Some of his warmest friends tried to induce him to stay at home and watch the corners at close range. But he decided that he could manage things as well from a little distance, and according to election in the Senate. He has just returned home to find his machine most seriously out of gear. His friends, like himself, out of office, and matters generally, from an organization standpoint, at sixes and sevens.

Mr. Platt has left a machine behind quite as well constructed as was Mr. Hill's. He, too, will try to direct his lieutenants from this town. But will it prove as effective as though he remained on the ground and directed matters at close range? He is cast for an important part here. He is regarded as one of the most astute men in the Senate, and the close vote there will make his counsel of great service to his party. He cannot be in Washington and New York at the same time. Will he be able to keep his eyes on the performances in both rings so as not to miss any of the important fights?

Gov. Black is represented by a young man of ability and resolution. He is fresh from the people, and, as some people believe, is a man of ambition. The office he holds gives him a great deal of power. The governor of New York has opportunities for forging to the front and keeping there such as are enjoyed by the governor of no other state in the Union. Has Gov. Black the disposition and the skill to improve them?

Mr. W. W. Astor is said to have sent a successful invitation to the queen of England to visit his roost. It will of course be previously understood that Mr. Astor has not arranged the occasion with a view to getting an exclusive story for any newspaper.

Mr. Harrison's experiments as a writer for periodicals have given him a decided advantage over many public men. When he desires to be interviewed he can attend to it himself.

A great deal of trouble in Europe would be avoided if kings could be required to pass a civil service examination before entering on their duties.

England and Crete.

England's position in the fair of Crete grows daily more embarrassing. The ministry is only half-heartedly for Turkey. That is shown in many things, but in nothing more conspicuously than in the extremely guarded way in which Secretary Curzon fences in the house of commons with the opposition on the subject. His replies almost follow the scriptural injunction of going no further than you can see, say, nay. He seems to realize that "what soever is more than this," may lead to "evil." The English people are unquestionably for Crete, and it may come to pass that they will force their government into an attitude in accordance with their own wishes. That would be a great day for England.

So long as hostilities are delayed there will remain some ground for debate. Specious arguments about treaty powers and obligations, as well as solemn adjurations to keep in key with the "concert of Europe," will prove more or less effective. But if war begins—real war, then, with everybody in deadly earnest—then the previous question is ordered and debate ends. On the one side will be King George as the champion of civilization, and on the other the Turk, seeking by the gentle means of a "mild-mannered man" to continue his practice of scuttling ships and cutting throats.

Would England in such circumstances go

with the Turk? Could she afford to do so? Would any English ministry dare to put English troops in the field, or head English ships, against the flag of Greece raised in defense of a Christian people appealing for liberty and their lives? Such a thing is quite inconceivable.

This would appear to explain Lord Salisbury's extremely cautious course. He is one of the ablest of Englishmen in parliamentary or diplomatic debate. So long as he can keep the question in such an arena he may hope in large measure to dominate it, but if once it gets definitely beyond that, and war is on the cards, the question, in the people's hands, will dominate, or overturn him.

The story that England's attitude in this matter has weakened the arbitration treaty in the Senate is probably an exaggeration. But it cannot have helped her. If it has been taken into the account at all, it must have been to show that with all of her desire for peace and progress she is capable of getting herself into some ugly complications, where simply good will is a small and an ineffective factor.

The Death-Penalty Decision.

It is to be hoped that the Court of Appeals of the District will find a way out of the difficulty created by the recently delivered dictum of Judge Bradley, commented upon at length in The Star yesterday. An opportunity to do so presents itself in the pending Pearson murder case, but even if the court should wish to take up the matter for examination, it is, of course, not certain that the opinion rendered in the court below will not be sustained, and the District left in the predicament of having no legal method of punishing criminals convicted of murders committed prior to January 15 last. The case is involved in more than usual difficulty owing to the remarkable situation created by the operation of the constitutional prohibition against ex post facto laws. One view has been presented which, if tenable, indicates that there is absolutely no remedy for the difficulty unless the upper court reverses the informal judgment of Judge Bradley. The most generally accepted interpretation of one bearing of the constitutional clause about ex post facto laws is that it is illegal to pass laws which increase the punishment of offenses committed prior to the passage of the act. Should the dictum already pronounced stand as law, it has the effect of decreasing—to nothing—the punishment for murders committed prior to January 15. That is permissible under the Constitution. Will it be constitutional, therefore, for Congress to repeal that portion of the act of January 15 which gives rise to this situation, inasmuch as the repeal would, by restoring the death penalty for these cases, in effect increase the penalty, which prior to the repeal was nothing? It is a very delicate proposition, and one that requires the gravest consideration. The plight of the District is intensified by reason of the fact that the government or prosecution has no appeal in capital cases, that right belonging exclusively to the defense, and the case in the course of which the dictum was delivered resulted in a conviction, consequently there is no means of reaching an upper bench specifically upon the merits of the case, and the review of the opinion must come by indirection.

Mr. Dingley will need some logic to enable him to defend the proposition that a law which in the importation of works of art and literature would have a tendency to encourage such industries in this country.

The objection by several states to the exhibition of pictures of the recent prize-fight may provoke the charge that this is a conspiracy to make the state of Nevada ashamed of itself.

The consolidation which New York has effected may finally compel Chicago to fall back on the axiom that size and intellectual force do not necessarily accompany each other.

There is no authority to declare that Mr. Pingree will not have all the offices in the state of Michigan. But henceforth he will have to take them one at a time.

Major McKinley knows what it is to suffer from an embarrassment of riches. He has more patronage than he can conveniently handle.

There were only one hundred and eighty-five men at work on the post-office building today.

If the trusts survive, it will not be because of any lack of eloquent denunciation.

SHOOTING STARS.

Sympathetic. "The boys are getting longer," remarked Mr. Vivvies, whose habits have developed a vein of sarcasm in his wife.

"Yes, the sun rises much earlier. And I'm really sorry for your sake."

"It compels you to hurry so to get home before daylight."

The Politician. "Tis strange they fail to change a plan which calls forth indignation; Since each so loves a workingman And hates a corporation."

A Recital. "It's real mean!" the young woman exclaimed.

"What is the matter?" her mother inquired.

"Before I married Herbert I made him promise to pass every evening at home with me, and now he says he's sorry, but he can't take me to the theater without breaking his word."

Philanthropy. "Dolan," said Rafferty, "ye're gittin' 'too sayin'." Did ye niver hear that the money is the root of all evil?"

"O' hov. An' I'm doin' the little O' kin to pull it up by the roots an' shapare the rest av yez."

All She Wanted. "My dear madam," said the professor of music, "your daughter has no sense of melody and no instinct for time. She couldn't play. And she has no voice, therefore she cannot expect to sing."

"Well, of course," was the complacent reply, "those facts are drawbacks, but you can go on giving her lessons, just the same. I don't care about her performing or singing, as it would maybe take her away from home. All I want is for her to learn enough to make a comfortable living as a teacher."

A Congressional Occurrence. His mind sped forth to other things when first he made a speech; His fancy, with erratic wings, He paused and stammered dementally, And when he'd gotten through, His mind was naught but vacancy—

The hall was emptying, too, But when his fond constituents came The Record's page he sought to scan, But where, well revised and not the same, His rhetoric smoothly ran, They cheered his name, both high and low And the assurance passed That that back-number, Cleoro, Had found his match, at last.

Comparisons. One good thing about President McKinley is his notion that a United States ambassador should be respected at home as well as abroad. There are many other good things about President McKinley while comparisons would make mighty comparisons.

BON MARCHE.

Grand Introduction Sale of Suits, Skirts, Jackets and Waists.

Even our old customers can have no adequate conception of the immense variety and assortment of the new Spring Stock of Suits, Skirts, Jackets and Waists which we are displaying this season. It is fully double that of any previous year. The garments are all man-tailored from thoroughly reliable fabrics, and the linings and trimmings have been selected with as much care as the fabrics. No detail has been skimped or slighted which would make the garments wear longer, set better, or give more satisfaction to the wearer. It is with the utmost confidence that your verdict of the stock must be favorable that we invite you to peruse tomorrow of the great special introductory values which will be offered in this department.

Skirts, 95c.

Ladies' New Spring Separate Skirts, in green, brown and tan novelty cloth, lined with good quality percaleine and velvet bound. Real value \$1.50. Special 95c. tomorrow.

Skirts, \$2.69.

At \$2.69 we shall offer tomorrow Lovely New Broken Plaid Skirts, in green, blue, red, navy and black; also Beautiful Black Brilliant Skirts, cheviot serge and smart novelty cloth creations in green and navy blue. Skirts that are well worth \$4.00. Tomorrow \$2.69.

Skirts, \$7.69.

Ladies' Beautiful Broadcloth, Broadcloth Taffeta, Plain Black Satin and Moire Velour Skirts, in handsome new patterns. Well worth \$10. Special \$7.69 tomorrow.

Suits, \$5.98.

Here is the best suit value for the money ever distributed by any store in this city. It is an All-wool Serge Costume, in lovely brown and tan mixtures, and has fly front, fashionably cut and well made. Fully worth \$12.50. Our price only \$5.98.

Suits, \$9.98.

At \$9.98 we unquestionably show the largest assortment in styles, colors and fabrics that we have ever shown. You can find no such variety elsewhere at this price. We have elegant Suits in Serge, Cheviot, Broadcloth, Canvas Cloth, Ladies' Cloth, Broadcloth and Cover Cloth, in fly front, double-breasted, single-breasted, plain, fancy, braided-trimmed and Brandenburg braided-trimmed, in all the new shades, in black, cadet blue, navy blue, plum, green, etc. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$12. Your choice only \$9.98.

Suits, \$15.98.

We expect this All-silk-lined Suit to create a sensation among suit buyers. We have been congratulating ourselves that we were able to secure them to sell so low, and have had hard work to prevent our own clerks from buying them all. They are made of black and colored cheviot-serge. They are lined throughout with the best quality taffeta silk-jacket, sleeves, skirt—every part of it. Has fly-front, double-breasted, well worth \$18. Our special leader \$15.98.

Jackets, \$4.98.

There is no lower price in Washington for a Spring Jacket, all silk lined, than the figure we are quoting. Just think of a good quality Black and Tan Jacket, lined throughout with silk, for such a ridiculous price as \$4.98.

Silk Waists, \$4.98.

New line of Ladies' Beautiful Black and Changeable Silk Shirt Waists, with yoke back and neck, fly front. Well worth \$8. Our price \$4.98.

Opening the New Shirt Waists.

Our beautiful new line of Shirt Waists will be on exhibition tomorrow. They are shown in lawn, batiste and all the fashionable fabrics which will prevail this season, in exquisite new designs, including the new "Foulard" patterns, ranging in price from 49c. up to \$3.

"Marie Antoinette" Collars, 25c.

Those Ladies' Marie Antoinette Collars seem to be great favorites, for they are disappearing very rapidly. Will give you another chance at them tomorrow at the special price of 25c.

Veilings, 19c.

As a special leader for tomorrow only we shall offer 25 and 30c. Dotted and Plain Tulle Veilings, 18 and 27 in. wide, for 19c.

\$1 Gloves, 69c.

Ladies' Fine Button Kid Gloves, in black, white, tan, navy, brown and red, with the new wide embroidery, "Clutz" patent thumb, perfect fitting. Full \$1 value. Tomorrow only, per pair, 69c.

Peanut Brittle, 10c.

Tomorrow we shall offer Genuine Spanish Peanut Brittle, which regularly sells for 25c. lb., at 10c. lb. pkg. Only 2 lbs. to a customer.

BON MARCHE.

314 and 316 7th St.

Free! Charming Water, the enemy to all sickness.

And as delicious a water to drink as ever moistened a palate! Gives vim and snap to "run-down," debilitated systems—and cures the blood. Try it, free, if you call on

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"THE MINERAL WATER PEOPLE." 1309 G St. N. W. Phone 135. mh3-m-28

Don't Miss Our Stands Tomorrow.

It's our regular day for having BRAINSCHWEIGER LIVER WURST and BOCKWURST. We'll have an extra large supply of these delicious breakfast delicacies freshly prepared. But you want to come early to get the best of the subject.

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Cared by Cuticura Soap, white, all druggists. mh10-m-17

KING'S PALACE.

More Suit & Skirt Bargains.

More of them than ever. New purchases. Nothing but the newest effects, most popular styles, most fashionable materials. Saturday shoppers will find rich values and hundreds of them here. Come early as possible.

\$25, \$20, \$15 and \$12

Ladies' and Misses' Sample Suits.

300 of them, the entire sample line of a New York maker, made and tailored in most fashionable style. Neck effects, fly fronts, cuffs, blazer and Norfolk effects, loose and tight fitting, with linings, two-tone effects, many colors, plain and braided. Choice for \$7.98.

\$7.98 Suits, \$4.98.

Fine quality Serge Suits, navy blue and black, well lined, fly front. Jackets. Usual price, \$7.98. Our special price \$4.98. Now selling at \$4.98.

Black Figured Mohair Skirts, extremely well made and finished. Usual price, \$1.18. Now selling at \$1.18.

Another lot of Fine Figured Silk and Satin Skirts. The Usual \$10.48 grade. Our special price \$6.98.

Black and White Check Skirts and newest novelties, well made and perfectly finished. Usual \$2.50 value. Special \$1.39.

\$2.50 BLACK SILK WAISTS. India silk, full front, pleated collar and belt. \$1.98 bound throughout. Special price.

50c CORSETS, 35c. 100 c. Best 50c. Corsets in the city, white and gray, all sizes. Special price \$33c.

KING'S PALACE,

812-814 Seventh St.

BRANCH STORE, 715 MARKET SPACE. The Largest Millinery and Cloak House in the District.

Souvenirs of Washington.

TOPHAM'S STEAMER TRUNKS

—Built first for strength, beauty and the economy of their prices. We make trunks and know just what we put in them and how it's calculated to withstand shocks. We've just made up a new line of Steamer Trunks. The most attractive trunk in the line—strong, metal bound, iron bottom, steel clasp.

Our No. 1 Steamer Trunk is a wonder—finely finished in leather, cloth lined, strong. Price \$2.50, \$2.90, \$3.30.

Repairing trunks is a specialty with us. We make a little to have a trunk put in order.

\$6.00.

Topham's 1231-1233 PA. AVE. MASTERY 116-126 E. 37.

McKnew's Suit & Wrap Opening.

Arrival of delayed shipments

An immense shipment of high-class Suits and Capes, which should have been here the first day of our Easter Opening, has just arrived, and as it includes some of our choicest and most beautiful imported garments from Paris, London and Berlin, we are especially anxious that you should call tomorrow and inspect them. Superb Costumes, in richest fabrics, will be shown up to \$75. We also call special attention to a very extensive line of moderate-priced suits at from \$10 to \$20. The new shipment includes an elegant assortment of new Spring Gowns, made to our special order, ranging in price from \$15 to \$35.

We regret that this new shipment did not arrive until today, but earnestly request that, even though you have already called, you will pay us the honor of another visit tomorrow and the opportunity to show you these superb new creations.

Wm. H. McKnew, Ladies', Men's and Children's Furnishings, 933 Pa. Ave.

Superior Coffee, 38 & 40c. Pound.

"Coffee which makes the politician's life sweet. And see through all things with half-closed eyes."

The writer while composing the above quotation must surely have been drinking the coffee made from our famous "Mandarin Brand" or "Java Brand" Coffee, at 40c. and 38c. respectively. It is a fact that our coffee is fresh every day—which goes far toward preserving their delicious aroma. If you're "crank" on the subject of good coffee let us sell you!

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"Saks' Corner."

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Mothers of boys

There are nearly a score of teachers who are making a close run for that Free Trip to Europe. Come on, youngsters—under a pull for it for your teachers. Every half-dollar purchase gives you a vote.

Mothers of boys

open your eyes to quality—and turn a deaf ear to all the cheap-price talk. You'll get nearer satisfaction in Boys' Clothes buying that way.

It's so easy to see why we ought to do—and do do the bulk of the Boys' business. Every garment in our stock—and you know how many times the biggest it is—stands as a model of fashionableness—and a standard of QUALITY. Quality is what has made friends for us—and it's quality that shall keep on doing it.

We shall be glad to have you commence your investigations. The gap between us and the next best is wider than ever. We've got exclusive control of the best the best makers make.

Nobody else makes more than a pretense of carrying Boys' Furnishings—Boys' Hats—Boys' Shoes. They are all features of this store.

Mothers of girls

We shall make it to your advantage to supply the young misses' wardrobes tomorrow. A trade wind has blown some extraordinary qualities into our hands at less than worth prices—and as usual we're going to share with you.

GIRLS' REEFERS.

A lot of Navy Blue, Green, Red and Cadet Reefers, handsomely trimmed with white Brandenburg braid on large sailor collar and pockets. Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Worth \$2.50. Tomorrow \$1.50.

A lot of Navy Blue, Red, Green and Cadet Reefers, with coat, green and red sailor collar; pockets and collar trimmed with white military braid. Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Worth \$5. Choice of any size and color—tomorrow \$3.

MISSIES' SUITS.

Lot of Manteloid Suits, with Eton open effect coat. They are Scotch-hailed Homespuns, trimmed with Brandenburg braid. Colors are Green, Blue and Brown. Sizes 12 to 18. Worth \$18. Tomorrow \$12.

Mothers themselves.

You will find it profitable in your own interests here tomorrow.

LADIES' SILK-LINED SUITS.

Just 15 of them—Manteloid Homespuns and lined all through with heavy black taffeta silk. They are Eton jackets. You never have seen a suit so well made, so better. Tomorrow \$20.

LADIES' SKIRTS.

75 in the lot—Black and White, and Blue and White Check Homespuns and Fancy Scotch Mixtures. New in weave and effect, percaleine lined and velvet bound, worth at least \$5. Tomorrow \$3.50.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.

Ladies' Light and Dark Percale Wrappers, carefully made and perfect fitting. Good value for \$1. All sizes—tomorrow 68c.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.

Ladies' Glace-patterned Percale Wrappers, made with light black, yoke effect back and front, silk lined, worth at least \$1.50. Tomorrow \$1.

MEN'S NECKWEAR.

We offer tomorrow the choice of 25c. and 30c. Ties, Boys and Four-in-hands for 15c.

UMBRELLAS.

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Star & Borax Soap.

Tomorrow our special price on both Star and Borax Soap, the large 5-cent cakes—2 1/2 cents each, 10 cakes for 25c.

California Evaporated Peaches.

Tomorrow 1,200 pounds of large, bright California Evaporated Peaches at 6 1/2 cents per pound. Sweet Oregon Prunes for 5 cts. pound. New Pilsener Beer, 10 cts.

FREE!

We are giving free to our customers those large 100-piece Decorated China Dinner Sets—56-piece China Tea Sets—Toilet Sets—hundreds of Gold-band Cans, Banners and Plates—Porcelain Mosaic Clocks. Get a PREMIUM CARD and secure these additional valuable benefits at prices which are much lower than